

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Figs. 1-6 and 8-17. These sheets, which include Figs. 1-17, replace the original sheet including Figs. 1-17. In Figs. 1-17 ribs 37 and pin 39 are shown, and confusion between “1” and “7” is avoided.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet
Annotated Sheet Showing Changes

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 2 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. The retained claims are 3-18. Claims 3, 8, 13 and 15 are independent, and the rest are dependent. The Office action notes in sections 14 and 15 on page 6 that claims 3, 5, 8, 13 and 15-17 would be allowable with certain corrections. Those corrections have been made, and all of the claims presented are allowable in and of themselves or because they depend on claims that are allowable. We therefore respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance.

The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). We have amended them to show the pin, the elongate slot and the longitudinal grooves (claim 15) and to distinguish clearly between the reference numerals 1 and 7. Reference numerals added to the drawing have also been added to the specification. No new matter is entered. Withdrawal of the objection to the drawings is therefore respectfully requested.

Claims 7, 9-12 and 14-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C., second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. The rejection is respectfully traversed. Claims 7, 10, 11, 14 and 15 have been amended to replace "it" with the noun it refers to. Claim 9 has been amended to provide antecedent basis for "the longitudinal central axis." And claim 13 has been amended to change "the condition part" to "the container part." Withdrawal of the rejection is therefore respectfully requested.

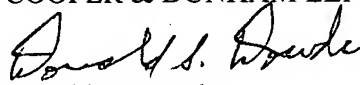
Claims 1, 2, 4, 6, 11, 12 and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Chamberlain (Des 217,663). Claims 1, 10-12 and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Lewis 5,220,742. Claim 7 is rejected under 35 U.S.C.

103(a) as being unpatentable over Chamberlain and further in view of Barefoot 5,992,082.

Claims 9 and 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chamberlain and further in view of Fisher 5,535,541.

The rejection of claims 1 and 2 has been overcome by their cancellation. The other rejections are avoided by their amended dependencies, as follows: each of claims 4, 6, 7, 9-11, 14 and 18 depends on allowable claim 3, and claim 12 depends on claim 11 and through claim 11 depends on allowable claim 3.

There being no other rejections or objections, the application is clearly in condition for allowance. Issuance of a notice of allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,
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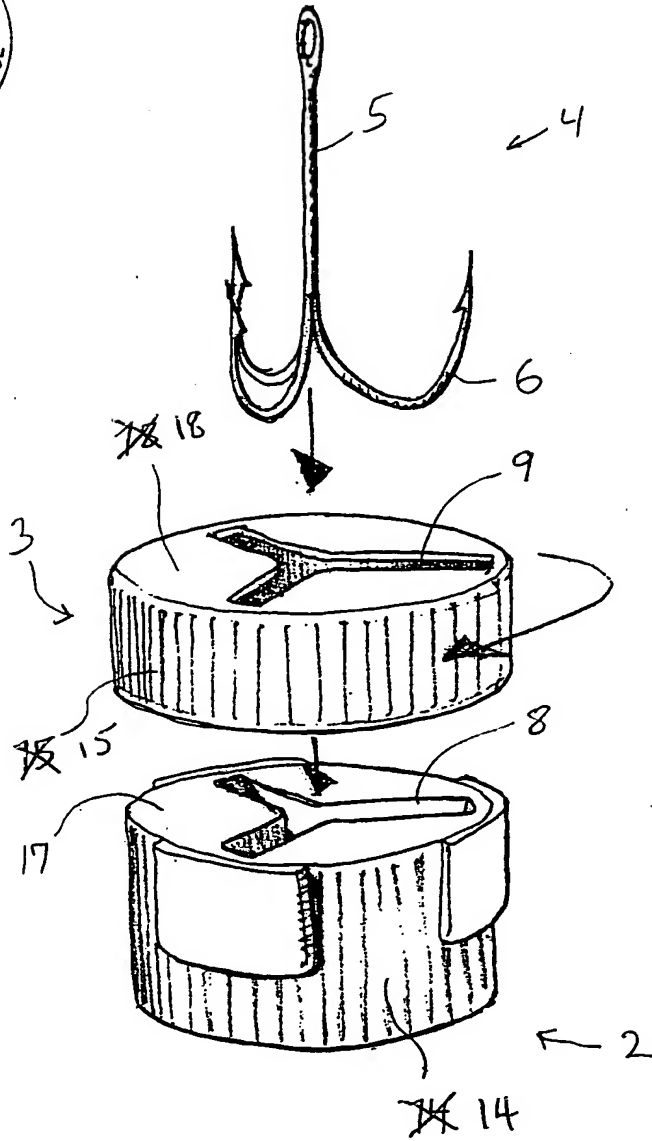


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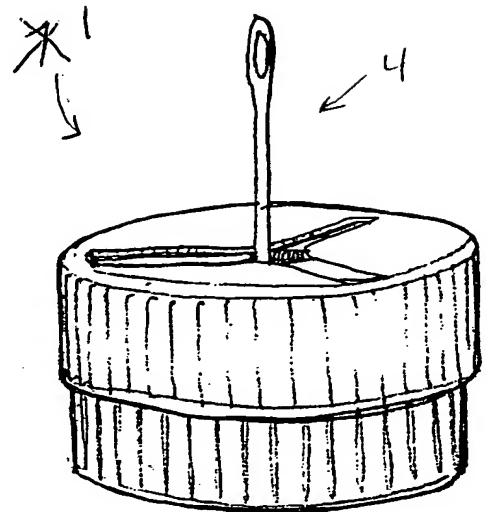


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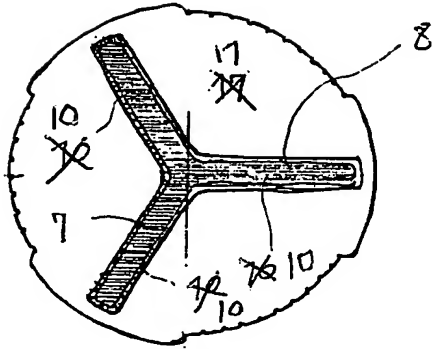


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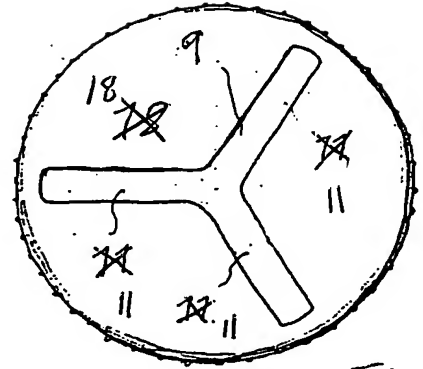


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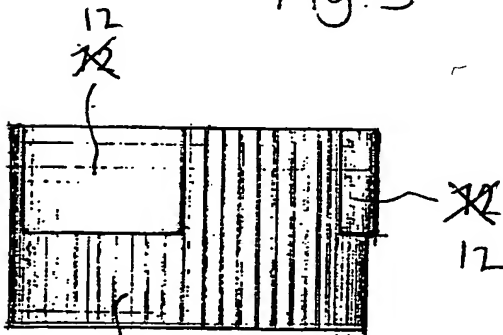


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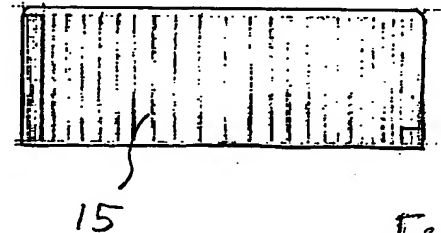


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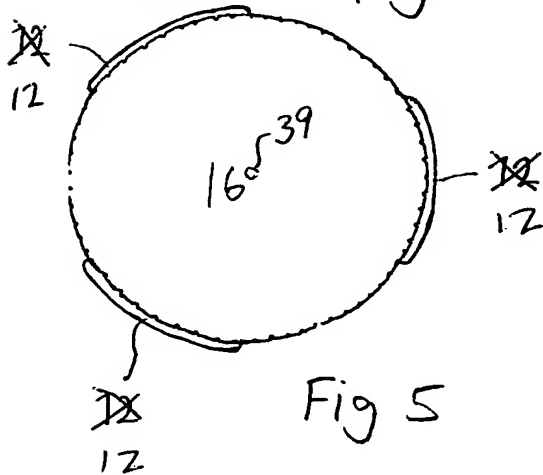


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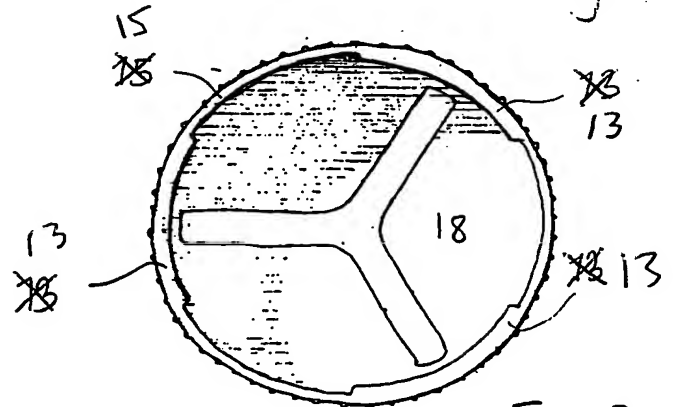


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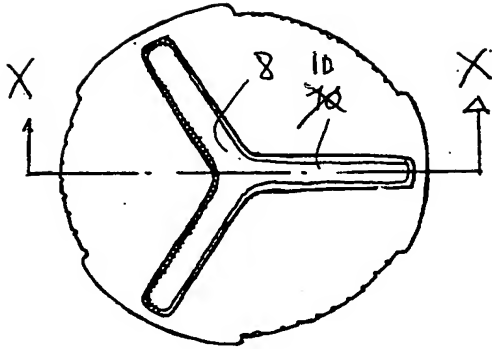


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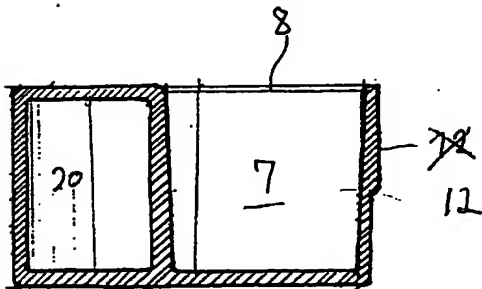


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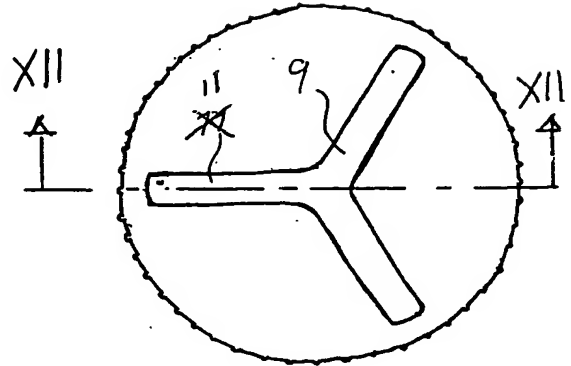


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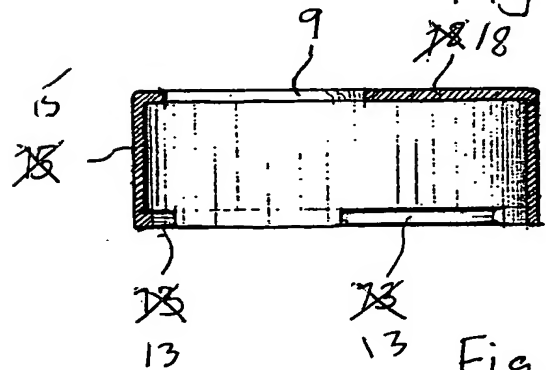


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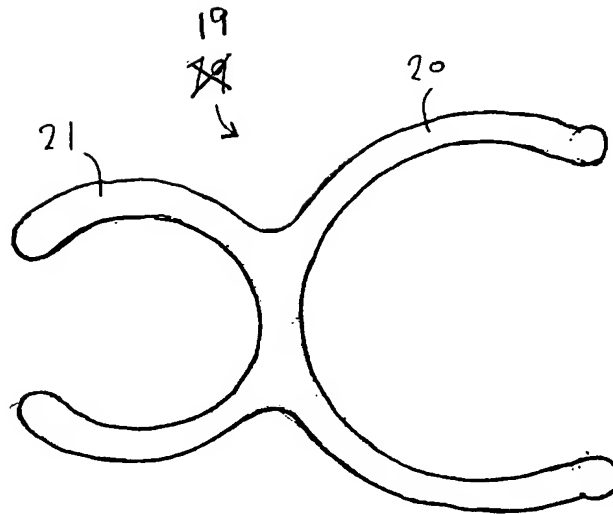


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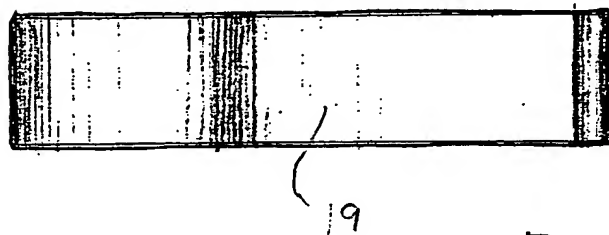


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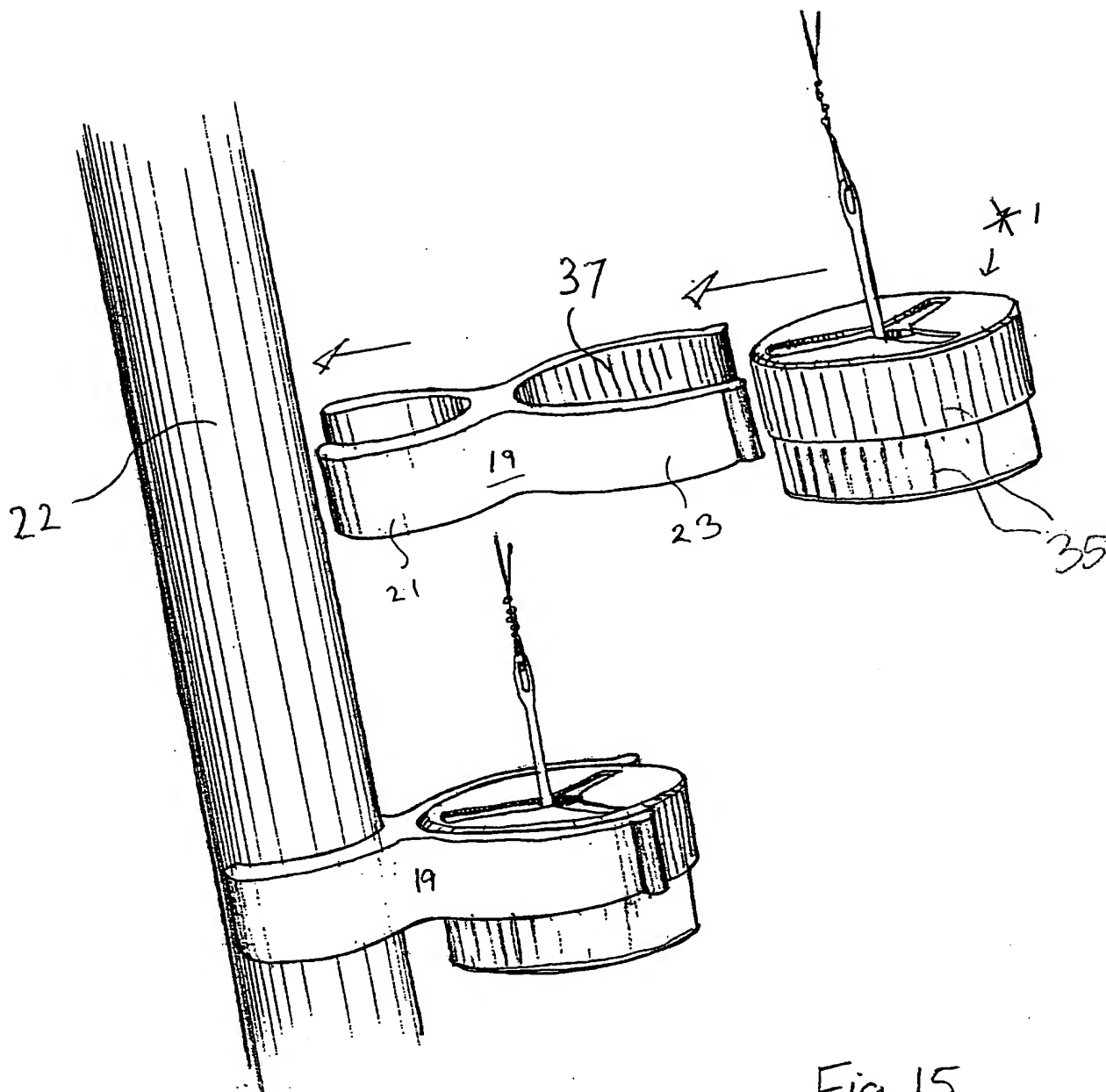
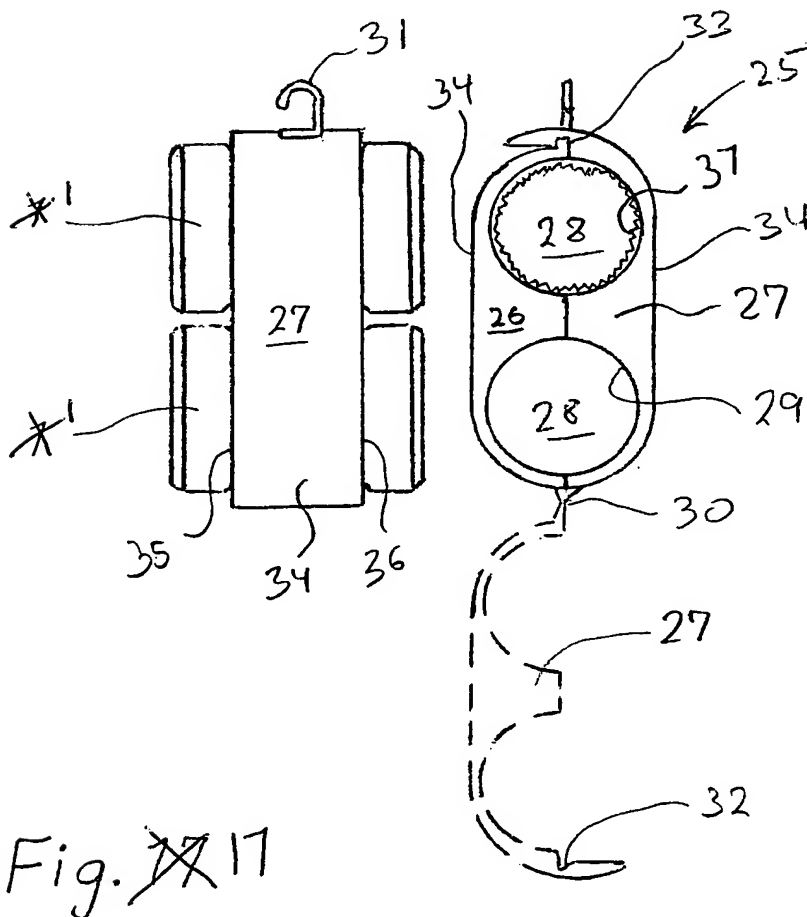
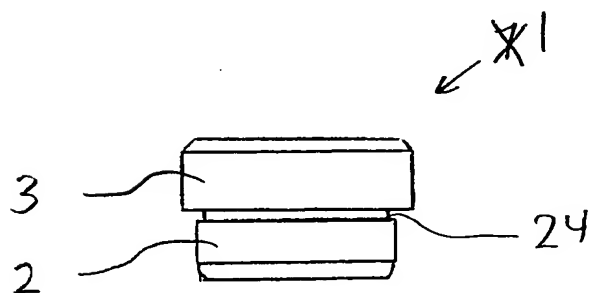


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